Restructuring entry to railway platforms

2371. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a plan has been formulated to restrict access to railway platforms, like the airports, by allowing entry only to *bonafide* passengers and banning entry of non-passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of its implementation;

(c) the steps taken to augment the rail-specific infrastructure/facilities needed by an un-accompanied average train passenger; and

(d) the details of steps taken to address the concerns and needs of senior citizens, single women travellers and certain other categories of passengers who generally bank upon relatives or friends at bom boarding and disembarking points?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) The Standing Committee on Railways in their 21st Report (2005-06) on Terminal Facilities in metropolitan cities has recommended that only genuine passengers with the restricted number of accompanying persons should be allowed at the platforms as is being done in the case of airports. Efforts are being made to have consensus view on this subject. Therefore, no formal decision on this recommendation has yet been taken.

Rail Land Develop ment Authority

2372. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted Rai! Land Development Authority to develop railway land at various places in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to develop railway land to generate